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SUBJECT: REACTION TO SUMMIT AT NATO HEADQUARTERS

1. COMMENTS MADE TO ME IN LONDON AND FOLLOWING RETURN TO BRUSSELS, INCLUDING GATHERING OF ALL PERMREPS MAY 13 AT SHAPEX 77, HAVE EVIDENCED GENERAL ENTHUSIASM OVER NATO SUMMIT, WITH PARTICULAR PLEASURE OVER PRESIDENT CARTER'S PARTICIPATION AND NEW IMPETUS GIVEN TO ALLIANCE BY HIS STRONG SUPPORT AND VIGOR IN OFFERING NEW INITIATIVES SOME OF THIS ENTHUSIASM WILL NO DOUBT GIVE WAY TO SOME AMOUNT OF CARPING WHEN FULL DIMENSIONS OF STUDIES AND PLANNING BECOME EVIDENT IN CONNECTION WITH EFFORT THAT WILL BE REQUIRED TO PRODUCE THEM, BUT FOR NOW MOOD AT NATO HEADQUARTERS IS DECIDEDLY UPBEAT, WITH THE FEELING THAT NEW BLOOD HAS BEEN INFUSED INTO THE ALLIANCE.

2. PRESIDENT'S CANDID AND CONSIDERATE APPROACH, BOTH AT NATO SESSIONS AND IN BILATERALS, MADE GREAT IMPRESSION ON THESE SOMETIME WORLD-WEARY DIPLOMATS AND THEIR POLITICAL COUNTERPARTS FROM HOME CAPITALS. PRESIDENT'S POPULAR SUCCESS WITH BRITISH PUBLIC WAS NOT LOST ON THIS GROUP OF TRAINED OBSERVERS.

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3. DUTCH PERMREP STRESSED TO ME TODAY HOW GREATLY PLEASED BOTH HIS PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER HAD BEEN WITH THEIR BILATERAL MEETING. IN ONLY TWENTY MINUTES, HE SAID, HIS LEADERS CAME AWAY WITH FEELING THAT THEY HAD HAD A FULL MEETING AND HAD ESTABLISHED A GOOD PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP. NORWEGIAN PERMREP SAID THE SAME THING IN AS MANY WORDS. GERMAN PERMREP SAID

CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT HAD BEEN SO IMPRESSED WITH THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT AT LANCASTER HOUSE SESSION THAT HE HAD THROWN AWAY HIS OWN PREPARED TEXT AND REVISED HIS OWN REMARKS IN RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT'S OVERTURES. BELGIAN SPOKE WITH SIMILAR SATISFACTION.

4. SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS, DURING A MEETING ON DPC MINISTERIAL PREPARATIONS TODAY, AGAIN REFERRED TO PRESIDENT'S SPEECH AS THE KEYNOTE ADDRESS OF NATO SUMMIT. HE WENT ON TO EMPHASIZE EFFECT OF PRESIDENT'S CONFIDENCE AND VIGOR IN PROVIDING NEW SPIRIT IN THE ALLIANCE.

5. FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER, AN OLD FRIEND FROM UN DAYS, COMMENTED WHILE STILL IN LONDON THAT, IF THE PRESIDENT WERE TO DECIDE TO RUN FOR OFFICE IN UK, IN DE GUIRIN-GAUD'S OPINION, HE WOULD HAVE NO TROUBLE BEING ELECTED PRESIDENT OF GREAT BRITAIN. A TAXI DRIVER IN LONDON, WHILE NOT SUGGESTING ABOLITION OF THE MONARCHY, WAS EQUALLY ENTHUSIASTIC. BENNETT

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